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The De Smet News		Sept. 22, 2000
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weekly	52	$21.20 & $26.50

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Dale Blegen, P.O. Box 69, De Smet, SD 57231-0069

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FULL NAME	COMPLETE MAILING ADDRESS
Blegen Publishing, Inc.,	P.O. Box 69, De Smet, SD 57231

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Notary Public

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